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MODULAR BARE WORKPIECE STOCKERS )  
AND/OR CLOSED CONTAINER STOCKERS ) Customer No. 23910  
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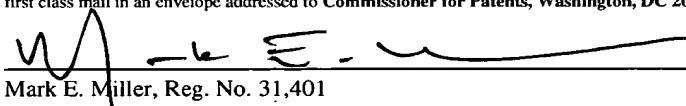
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b), Applicant hereby requests that Application Number 09/729,463 cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith, be expunged and preserved in confidence. Application Number 09/729,463 was filed January 12, 2001 and has not been published in the United States or any foreign country. Under 37 CFR § 1.14(a), patent applications that have not been published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) are preserved in confidence pursuant to 35 U.S.C 122(a). Therefore, applicant requests that Application Number 09/729,463 be expunged and preserved in confidence.

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